

APPENDIX III - Part 1

Minutes of the Water Users Meeting for Escalante Valley

1:30 P.M., February 17, 1959 - Milford, Utah

Those present were:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
V. Waddoups	Waddoups and Baxter
George C. Goodwin	
Donald E. Jones	Jean C. Jones
Joseph R. Mardock	
Kenley Taylor	
Daard Evans	
Wayne C. Wiseman	
Virgie Lee	
Morgan Griffiths	
James A. Mayer	
Don R. Sly	
Clair Gillins	
Lloyd Mayer	
Cook Bros.	Howard Cook
Barton & Williams	K. B. Williams
Otto Kesler	Joe Kesler
Waldo Yardley	
Doyle P. Sly	
George Mayer	
Eugene H. Mayer	
M. Persons	
Leon Paice	
Kenneth Williams	Soil Conservation Service
Russell Mayer	
Chester Whitelaw	Enterprise Farms Company
H. Gordon Mayle	Escalante Valley Water Users
Elmo Farnsworth	Escalante Valley Water Users
H. L. Tolley	
Clifton W. Johnson	Water Commissioner
J. R. Mardock	Rocky Ford Irrigation Company
Stanley McKnight	Rocky Ford Irrigation Company
Loren Spencer	Soil Conservation Service
Wayne D. Griddle	State Engineer
Donald C. Moraseth	State Engineer's Office
Frank Reese	State Engineer's Office

Wayne D. Griddle, State Engineer, opened the meeting and outlined the problems facing the group and the events preceding the necessity of undertaking active distribution. He then asked for the nomination of a temporary chairman from the group to conduct the business of the day.

The following men were nominated for the position of meeting chairman: Mr. H. L. Tolley, George C. Goodwin and Gordon Moyle. Mr. H. L. Tolley was elected chairman and Donald Jones was then appointed secretary.

Mr. Tolley then asked about the tape recordings taken at the two meetings the preceding year at Enterprise and Milford. Mr. Norseth stated that these tapes had not been transcribed but were available at the local County Agricultural Agent's office and could be had if any information was needed from them.

Mr. Frank Reese was then asked to read the financial statement of distribution costs for 1958 and to make copies of this information available to the secretary and to members of the water users committee. The financial statement contained the following basic information:

1. The total cost of distribution in the Escalante Valley from March 1, 1958 to January 31, 1959 was \$6,809.83.
2. The cost assessed to the State Engineer was \$1,338.23 and the cost to the Escalante Valley water users was \$5,471.60.

After some discussion the financial statement was approved as read.

Mr. Griddle then explained Mr. Johnson's activities during 1958 and suggested a change in duties for 1959. He suggested that the Beryl-Enterprise group select and recommend a local man to read the water meters in that area under the direct supervision of Mr. Johnson. He also suggested that it might be agreeable with the Milford water users to make use of the Beaver River Commissioner, Mr. Lee Strong, to read their meters, also under Mr. Johnson's supervision.

The users were informed that Mr. Johnson could not spend full time in the Escalante Valley this year as he was being assigned duties on other systems and taking over other State Engineer duties in the southern district.

Mr. Griddle then discussed the assessment costs. He said that his office believed that the assessment should be made on acre-foot pumpage. This assessment would amount to about 10 cents per acre foot for the two years of 1958 and 1959.

ESCALANTE VALLEY DISTRIBUTION

BUDGET FOR 1959

1. District Engineer	1,700.00
2. Water Commissioner Deputies	1,500.00
a. Beryl-Enterprise Deputy	
b. Milford Deputy	
3. Travel	1,000.00
4. Matching Social Security	80.00
5. Bonds and Insurance	25.00
6. Miscellaneous	45.00
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TOTAL	44,350.00

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The State engineer will see that each water user, or water user group, is informed or receives a copy of the court decision now pending in the Fifth Judicial Court in the matter of adjudication of water rights in Escalante Valley.

A general discussion was then held on water applications, priority, proof of appropriation, the importance of flow in a water right and other pertinent information brought before the group.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Donald Jones, Secretary
Escalante Water Users

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Mr. Chester Whitehaw then moved that for the 1958 and 1959 calendar years, the entire Escalante Valley be operated as one unit and assessed on an acre-foot basis for water diverted. The motion was seconded by Leo Mayer and carried unanimously.

Mr. Tolley asked that Mr. Norseth explain the financial condition for 1958 and present an estimated budget for 1959. Mr. Norseth explained that the cost to the water users in 1958 was \$5,471.60 and that the estimated cost for 1959 is \$4,350.00, or a total of \$9,821.60 for the two years. This amount would necessitate an assessment for the two years of approximately 10 cents per acre foot. Mr. Norseth then explained that Mr. Reese would set these cost and budget figures up and make assessments in accordance with the motion of the water users group. Gordon Moyle moved that the budget of \$4,350 be approved for 1959 and \$5,471.60 be collected for 1958 and that the State Engineer be authorized to assess the users a total of \$9,821.60, seconded by J. S. Murdock, carried unanimously. The budget and assessment was approved with the understanding that minor changes in separate items of the budget could be made providing the total amount was not exceeded.

It was moved by J. S. Murdock and seconded by C. E. Paice that the water users of Escalante Valley be assessed to cover cost of administration during 1958 to the extent of \$5,471.60 and for estimating 1959 cost amounting to \$4,350, a total for both years of \$9,821.60. The basis of assessment will be the ac/ft. pumpage in 1958 and any court limitation placed on pumping for 1959. The assessment will be on twice the acre feet pumped in 1958 if this computed figure is less than 8 acre-feet per acre. If more than 8 ac/ft. per acre, assessment will be based on actual 1958 pumpage plus maximum allowed by the court for 1959. Motion approved unanimously.

Moved by ^{Joe} Otto Kesler that the Milford Valley users accept Mr. Strong as deputy water commissioner, seconded by Waldo Yardley and approved unanimously.

Moved by ^{Joe} Otto Kesler to nominate a member for the Beaver River Water Users Board, seconded by Donald Jones. George C. Goodwin was nominated and elected.

A motion was then made to retain the same water users committee for the Milford area in 1959 as in 1958, consisting of H. S. Tolley and Russell Mayer. Carried unanimously.